

REMARKS

Claims 1-62 and 73-76 are now pending. Claims 1-4, 15-18, 29, and 38 are amended as indicated below; claims 73-76 are new. The amendments and added claims are supported at least at pages 3-11 of the specification.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courteous Interview of January 11, 2006. The following remarks are made in light of that Interview.

In the Final Office Action mailed November 17, 2005, claims 1-62 were rejected over U.S. Pat. No. 6,421,653, to May. At the Interview, the Examiner agreed that the claims are patentable over May, and agreed to withdraw the Final Office Action and issue a non-final action. In subsequent communications, however, Applicants have been requested by the Examiner to file a formal response, since Applicants wish the case to proceed with the present claim amendments.

All amendments made herein are narrowing amendments, and all new claims are dependent claims. Thus, the present amendments should not require a new search of the prior art.

No fee (other than the one-month extension fee authorized above) is believed due with this Response. However, please charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,



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